

SENATE....No. 74.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, February 1st, 1853.

ORDERED, That the Committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of amending the provisions of c. 121 of the laws of 1850, in relation to bans of marriage.

CHAS. CALHOUN, *Clerk.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, March 11th, 1853.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was committed the order of February 1st, 1853, inquiring into the expediency of amending the provisions of c. 121 of the acts of 1850, in relation to banns of marriage, report the accompanying bill.

For the Committee,

A. A. ABBOTT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight. Hundred and Fifty-
Three.

AN ACT

In addition to an Act relating to Banns of Marriage.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1 SECT. 1. No clerk or registrar of any city or
2 town shall issue any certificate of intention of mar-
3 riage to any male person under the age of twenty-one
4 years, or to any female person under the age of eight-
5 een years, except it be upon the application of the
6 parent, master, or guardian of such person, or with
7 their consent in writing expressed,—under a penalty
8 of one hundred dollars, to be recovered by indictment,
9 to the use of the Commonwealth, in any court proper
10 to try the same.

1 SECT. 2. The clerk or registrar of every city or

2 town may require of any person who shall apply for
 3 a certificate of intention of marriage, an affidavit,
 4 sworn to before some justice of the peace for the
 5 county where such application is made, setting forth
 6 his or her age, and for the purposes of this act, such
 7 affidavit shall be proof of the age of the person to
 8 whom such a certificate shall be given.